

Monday, June 22, 2009.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Prayer was offered by the Reverend Robert F. Quinn, C.S.P., Chaplain of the House, as follows:

God, Our Creator, we place our trust and confidence in You, Your ways and precepts. At the beginning of this new season of the year, the summer season, we usually make the time to enjoy the unique beauty of the summertime, to relax with family at community gatherings and to plan for our needed vacation. The summer season also helps us to eliminate built-up stress and once again, in a relaxed manner, focus our attention on our long-term goals and priorities. In Your goodness, inspire us, as elected leaders, to try to meet the current and future needs of people and the times. We believe that Your gift of wisdom enables us to keep legislative issues and proposals very clear in our minds and to continue to build a safe and peaceful society.

Grant Your blessings to the Speaker, the members and employees of this House and their families. Amen.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Guyer of Dalton) congratulating Richard F. Walsh on his retirement from the Division of Occupational Safety;

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Scibak of South Hadley) congratulating Mary Jane Marshall Chartier on her one hundred and second birthday; and

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Scibak of South Hadley) congratulating Bella St. Sauveur on her one hundredth birthday;

Mr. Binienda of Worcester, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Petition.

Mr. Fallon of Malden presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Christopher G. Fallon and other members of the General Court for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Michelle Nocera, an

employee of the Middlesex County Sheriff's Office; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Mr. Binienda of the Worcester, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, then reported recommending that Joint Rule 12 be suspended. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Galvin of Canton, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Public Service. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Binienda of the Worcester, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the following petitions:

Lyme
disease,—
treatment.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Robert S. Hargraves and others relative to the treatment of chronic Lyme disease. To the committee on Public Health.

Automated
toll
system.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Stephen R. Canessa and others for an investigation by the Executive Office of Transportation and the Turnpike Authority of the establishment of a fully-automated toll collection system. To the committee on Transportation.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Galvin of Canton, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—

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sitting.

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M.

At nine minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. deMacedo of Plymouth (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following day at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.